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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, CHI CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Editor: Anne Miller

Our Chapter President's Message:

I come from a family of florists and continue to enjoy plants and flowers. My past experiences have led me to think of a theme focused on growth and opportunities.

We have all experienced seeds of opportunity in our lives as educators. Sometimes those opportunities grow and flourish while other times they fade and die. Sometimes we are those who offer nourishment and sunshine to grow the seeds in others.

During my biennium, my goals are to:

- Increase our awareness of opportunities in DKG from Chi chapter to the international level
- Continue providing excellent programs at each meeting
- Continue our support of Domestic Violence Service
- Provide support for beginning teachers
- Increase membership.

Seeds of opportunities are everywhere in Delta Kappa Gamma. Please join me in discovering the seeds of opportunity we share with our sisters and fellow educators in 2012-2014 biennium.

Dr. Barbara R. Andrews
Chi Chapter President 2012-2014

Sowing Seeds of Opportunity

In Your Backyard and Around the World

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Sowing Seeds of Opportunity with our Guest Speaker from DVS

By Lois Brown

In keeping with our goal of "Sowing Seeds of Opportunity in Your Backyard," Barbara Allen from Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County will be our speaker on October 6. She will discuss the DVS organization, their needs for the coming year, general trends, and how we can support DVS through the next biennium.

DVS was founded 36 years ago, in 1976, as part of the Community Action Program of Lancaster County. DVS is the only agency in Lancaster County providing comprehensive services to female and male victims of domestic violence. They provide assistance to 1,700 adults and their dependent children each year.

Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County

Catalyst for Change

DVS provides 30-day emergency housing, Bridge Housing for up to one year, single and group counseling, children's activities, a legal clinic, and a volunteer training program. Not all victims helped are from Lancaster County. Our Chi chapter has both financially and physically supported DVS for the past three years.

Come to the meeting and hear from Ms. Allen about how Chi Chapter has helped in the past, and how we as Chi sisters can help adults and children in the next biennium with our continued support through the Projects Committee.

What to Wear…?

By Eileen Little

Chi sisters, our robes for initiation need to be replaced or we need to modify the dress for the initiation ceremony. An ad hoc committee was created and they researched possibilities and cost for our robes. This information was shared at the executive board meeting in August. Thus we have three options to share with you! Please read over the options and then on the reservation paper for our October meeting, check the option for your vote.

Please return the reservation paper to Kathy Kuzmiak even if you are not available to attend the October meeting. All replies will be tallied and the option choice with the largest number will be the choice for Chi Chapter! We need to purchase a total of 6 robes and stoles if we go with option #1 or #2.

Option #1: Red Matte Choir Gowns ($23.95 each) + Gold Stoles ($6.95 each)
Total Cost: $185.40

Option #2: Black Gown (members graduation gowns) + Red Stoles ($6.95each)
Total Cost: $41.70

Option #3: Officers and Initiation chair would dress in black and white professional attire. Total Cost: No Expense

Vote for your choice on page 9!

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+ Gold Stoles

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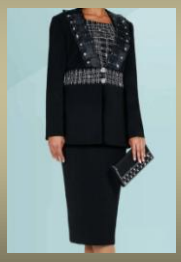

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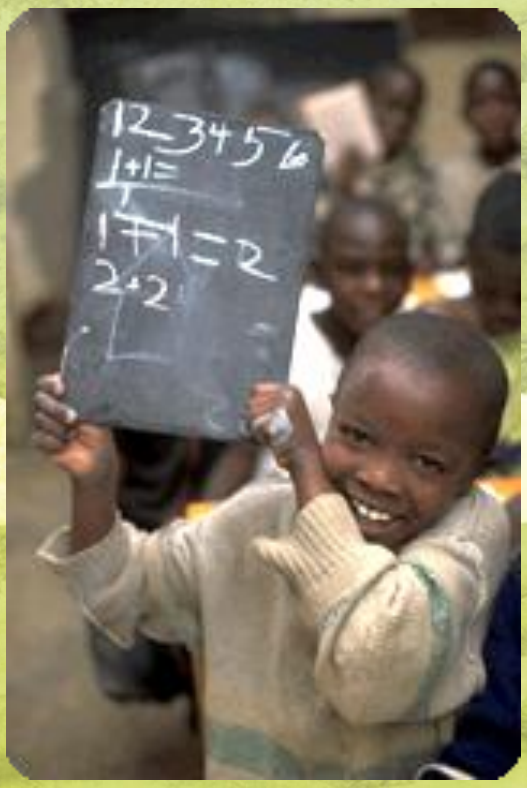

Sowing Seeds of Opportunity for African Students

By Amy Smith

The Projects Committee is also working side by side with Ways and Means to raise funds for Schools for Africa. A project that has become a focus for DKG International is our Early Career Educators.

We, as a society, will be looking for ways to support these young women. We have been researching what other chapters have been doing toward this effort and will be sharing our own Chi chapter action plan in the near future.

If anyone has ideas that they would like to share for any of these projects, please feel free to email Amy Smith at luvblugras5@yahoo.com.

Grant-in-Aid Evening is Refreshing and Rewarding

By Joy Dietrich

"Refreshing" and "Rewarding" describe the evening of May 9, 2012 at The Greenfield Inn. Chi Chapter Sisters Barbara Andrews, Joy Dietrich, Christine Kowalski, Marj Paradise, Gisele Siebold, and Judie Wynn met and dined with the 2012 Scholarship/Grant-In-Aid Recipient, Megan McNaul and her parents.

Gisele read from *Footprints on the Heart* by Dr. Muriel O'Tuel. A most appropriate selection as the scholarship committee felt Megan's heart shone through her application.

A quote from Megan's biography touched the hearts of our sisters on the scholarship committee. It read: "Ever since I attended my first day at kindergarten, I knew in my heart that I was destined to be a teacher".

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-Megan McNaul
Grant-in-Aid Recipient

It was **refreshing** to be able to recognize an outstanding student from a selection of twenty-four excellent candidates. Megan graduated second in her class from Lampeter-Strasburg High School. Her high school career included captain of the volleyball team and numerous hours of community service to name a few of her accomplishments.

It was **rewarding** to be able to personally present the certificate and a five hundred dollar award and know that this worthy young woman was planning to enter Elizabethtown College with a major in Early Childhood and Special Education.

One little person, Isabella Siebold,attended as well to get a head start on scholarship training. ☺

International Stardom!

Dr. Lyn Schmid was installed as the second vice president of Delta Kappa Gamma International at the New York Convention. Congratulations, Chi Sister!

Good News from Our Treasurer

By Kathy Kuzmiak

I am pleased to share that there are **no dues increases** at any level -- Local, State, or International -- this year.

Dues can be paid when you send your reservation for the October meeting. Active dues are $80.00 and Reserve dues are $35.00. If you choose to send them later, please be aware the deadline is **October 22** so that all reports can be sent to the State Treasurer by the end of October. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.

Don't forget to Pay Your Dues!

Active Dues: $80.00

(International=$40; State=$17; Chapter=$22; State Scholarship=$1)

Reserve Dues: $35.00

(International=$20; State=$7; Chapter=$7; State Scholarship=$1)

Dues may be sent with your lunch reservation or separately to our treasurer:

Kathy Kuzmiak
1819 Windsong Lane
Lancaster, PA 17602

Dates to Remember

Event:	Date:	Location:
1st Meeting	Sat., October 6, 2012	MU Bolger Center University Room
Executive Board Mtg.	Tues., October 16, 2012; 4:30 p.m.	E. R. Martin Elem.
Newsletter Articles	Fri., November 2, 2012 Email to: aemiller@lancaster.k12.pa.us	Due to Anne Miller
2nd Meeting	Fri., December 7, 2012	MU Bolger Center Old Main Room
Executive Board Mtg.	Tues., January 3, 2013; 4:30 pm	Carol's Home

Check out our website at www.deltakappagamma.org/PA-chi

Member Update

Sending Get Well Wishes to

Dorothy Johnston!

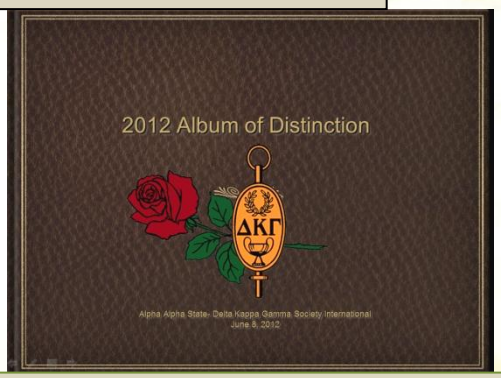
Chi Chapter Remembers: Edith Conrad

One of our dear sisters, Edith Conrad passed away in July at the age of 95. Edith lived in West Chester from 1937 until she moved back to Lancaster in 1972. She was a first grade teacher in Delaware and Chester Counties. She taught in Penn Manor School District until she retired in 1976. Besides her work with DKG, Edith was an active volunteer with Contact Lancaster, Habitat for Humanity and other local service organizations. Interment was held at the St. James Episcopal Church Memorial Garden.

Chi Member is Recognized at the Alpha Alpha State Convention

Marcia Trach
Chi

The Nancy J. Haubert Award for loyalty and devotion to the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County



Our very own Chi sister Marcia Trach was placed in the 2012 Album of Distinction at the Alpha Alpha State Convention. We're proud of you, Marcia!

Project Patricia

By Barbara Andrews

At the Alpha Alpha State convention in June, 2012, over 3,900 pair of panties were collected. Karen Ball came up with the idea in an effort to collect women's underwear for Project Patricia to send with kits to Africa. State President Louann Shrader shared how the panties were shipped.

"One of our state sister's husband arranged a deal with an independent trucker." Money for shipment was collected in the following ways: Personal checks- $40, Deaconess Ministry/First Baptist Church (one of our sisters is President)- $100, $320 from sale of banquet centerpieces. This meant $460 was collected for shipping the panties.

The money left over was returned to the general fund. Louann said, "It's amazing what a group of women can do when they network and pull together to change the world!"

DKG Name Badges

If you are interested in a magnetic name badge, the cost is $15 from a chapter in Michigan. Ribbons for the badge can be in red or black. Order forms will be available at the October meeting.

First Chi Chapter Meeting, 2012-2014 Biennium
Sowing Seeds of Opportunity In Your Backyard *and Around the World*
Bolger Center – Millersville University

Saturday, October 6, 2012
from 9 AM until Noon

Initiation & Business Meeting
Program: "Opportunities For A New Start" – an Update from Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County

Lunch: Tossed Salad
Grilled Marinated Chicken
Fresh Red Skin Mashed Potatoes
Pumpkin Pie for Dessert
Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea

COST: $15

Please return this form by **Fri., Sept. 28th** to: Kathy Kuzmiak, 1819 Windsong Lane, Lancaster, PA 17602; (717) 299-3458

Member Name: _____

Check all that apply:

_____ Yes, I will attend the October 6th Meeting and Lunch. Enclosed please find my check for $15.00 made out to "Chi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma".

_____ I will be bringing a guest. (Please include an additional $15.00 in your check.)

_____ I am enclosing my Active Member Dues of $80.00. (*Reserve Members - $35.00*)

The total amount I am enclosing is $_____.

_____ I need transportation to the meeting.

_____ I am unable to attend the meeting. (Regrets may be sent to kkuzmiak@aol.com)

****Have something to crow about? Share it with us!****

Don't Forget to Cast your Vote!

Choose one of the following: (*see page 3 for details*)

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